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D) GENEVA 3787; E) STATE 147622

1. WE APPRECIATE COMMENTS TANIGUCHI REPORTED REFTEL A. HE IS CORRECT ABOUT U.S. INITIAL AMENDMENT BEING REJECTED BY LEBANESE AMBASSADOR AND NOT VOTED DOWN. (REFS B AND C) THIS AND ENSUING DEBATE MADE CRYSTAL CLEAR PURPOSE OF LANGUAGE IN PARA 1(B) OF LEBANESE RESOLUTION IS TO EXCLUDE A UN MEMBER (ISRAEL) IN WESTERN ASIA FROM THE PROPOSED NEW ECONOMIC COMMISSION. THE UNITED STATES THEN INTRODUCED THE AMENDMENT CALLING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE OPINION, WHICH IN OUR VIEW HAS PRIORITY OVER LEBANESE RESOLUTION (REFS D AND E). WE PLAN TO SEEK A RULING TO THIS EFFECT FROM THE CHAIR.

2. WE DO NOT HAVE LATEST ATMOSPHERICS ON SITUATION, BUT ARE EXPECTING A REPORT FROM GENEVA. OUR LATEST WORD IS THAT VOTING MAY TAKE PLACE ON JULY 31, IF A COMPROMISE IS NOT WORKED OUT BY THEN. WE CONTINUE TO LEAVE TO EMBASSY'S DISCRETION LEVEL AND TONE OF APPROACH TO JAPANESE. ROGERS

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